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## COSTA RICA.

*Yellow fever reported at Port Limon.*

MOBILE, ALA., June 15, 1898.

SIR: I am in receipt of a telegram from the president of the Louisiana board of health as follows:

JUNE 15, 1898.

"Dr. Carson, medical officer at Port Limon, Costa Rica, cables yellow fever there."

I am, most respectfully,

T. S. SCALES, M. D.,  
*Health Officer.*

JAMAICA.

*Sanitary report from Kingston.*

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, June 2, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the sanitary condition of the city and harbor of Kingston is most excellent at present. There are no contagious or infectious diseases prevalent, excepting a few cases of typhoid (from 3 to 5 weekly), and these seem to me to be more of a malarial character (typhomalaria) than anything else. Malarial fevers are very common.

The continuous arrival of vessels bringing Cuban refugees in large numbers from different Cuban ports, where yellow fever prevails more or less, make the board of health very careful about allowing vessels to free pratique unless thoroughly convinced after several days' quarantine that all danger of introducing yellow fever, smallpox, etc., is completely passed. Baggage is often fumigated when only observation of vessel and crew for a few hours is established.

Vessels leaving for the United States are inspected by me, and their bills of health delivered on board when I find their sanitary condition satisfactory.

Respectfully,

DR. H. S. CAMINERO,  
*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SUPERVISING-SURGEON GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

JAPAN.

*Report of infectious diseases in Japan—Extension of the epidemic of plague in Formosa.*

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, May 20, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious disease in Japan for the period from April 29 to May 19, current year.

The sudden and great increase in the severity of the plague epidemic in Formosa, confined almost exclusively to Taipeh, Tainan, and Taiwan, all shipping ports, is certainly alarming.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,  
*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*